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Westminster, Decemb. 22.

HER Majesty having granted a Commission under the Great Seal, impowering the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, the Lord President of Her Majesty's Council, and other Lords to Pass the Royal Assent, in Her Majesty's Absence, to some Bills agreed to by both Houses of Parliament; this Day the Lords Commissioners sent a Message to the House of Commons by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, to desire that House to come up to the House of Peers with their Speaker, to be present at the Passing the said Bills into Acts. The Speaker and the House went up acordingly, and the Lords Commissioners Passed the Royal Assent to

A Bill for Granting an Aid to Her Majesty to be raised by a Land-Tax in Great Britain, *for the Service of the Year*, 1712.

An Act for Preserving the Protestant Religion, by better Securing the Church of England *by Law Established; and for Confirming and Supplying the Defects of the Toleration granted to Protestant Dissenters, by an Act entituled*, An Act for Exempting their Majesties Protestant Subjects, dissenting from the Church of *England*, from the Penalties of certain Laws; *And for the further Securing the Protestant Succession, by requiring the Practicers of the the Law, in* North-Britain, *to take the Oaths, and Subscribe the Declaration therein mentioned.*

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a General Fast.

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WE *taking into Our serious Consideration the Continued War, in which We, with several other Princes and States of* Europe, *are most justly Engaged, which hath cost so much Blood and Treasure, and most humbly Acknowledging the great Goodness of God, who hath given the Arms of Us and and Our Allies many and great Successes, whereby Our Enemies have been Reduced so far as to make Proposals for Treating of a General Peace, and a Time and Place have been appointed for that Purpose, Have, out of Our Religious Disposition, Resolved, and by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, do hereby Command, That a Publick Fast be Observed throughout* England, Wales, *and the Town of* Berwick *upon* Tweed, *upon* Wednesday *the Sixteenth Day of* January *next, that so both We and Our People may humble Our selves before Almighty God, in order to Obtain Pardon for Our Sins, and may, in most Devout and Solemn manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for Averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and for Imploring His Blessing on that intended Treaty, That thereby may be Produced an Honourable, Secure, and Lasting Peace to Us and the Nations and States in Alliance with Us; and that He will be pleased to give His Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of Us and Our Allies, and Our and Their Forces, both by Sea and Land, till Our Enemies shall submit to such a Peace. And for the more Religious and Orderly Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to Our Arch-Bishops and Bishops to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be Used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, within their respective Dioceses, and for that end to take Care for the timely Dispersing thereof. And We do strictly Charge and Command, That the said Publick Fast be Reverently and Decently Observed by all Our Loving Subjects, on the said* Wednesday *the Sixteenth Day of* January *next, as they Tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would Avoid His Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly Inflict on all such as Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religious a Duty.*

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Nineteenth Day of *December*, 1711. in the Tenth Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

Vienna